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MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2003 AT 5:30 PM

CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER

111 NW FIRST STREET

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128

18TH FLOOR, ROOM 3 (18-3)

AGENDA

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - Meeting of May 28, 2003
- III. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT** (*time limit 3 minutes each speaker*)
- V. ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. BY-LAWS ADOPTION**
- VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - A. MIAMI INTERMODAL CENTER (MIC) UPDATE** – *Ric Katz, Communicatz*
 - B. TRI-RAIL FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS PRESENTATION** - *Mr. Joe Giulietti, Executive Director, Michael Williams, Director of Planning and Capital Development and Mr. Brad Barkman, Director of Operations*
- VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE**
- VIII. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT** - *5 Minutes*
- IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**
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- XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2003

CTAC ATTENDANCE:

Frank Hernandez, Chair
Mike Hatcher, First Vice Chair
Norman Wartman, Second Vice Chair
Jose de Almagro
Joe Corradino
Daniel Fils-Aime
Maurice Gan
Mac Glasgow
Ramon Irigoyen
Miles Moss
Emma Pringle
Ramon Ramos
Paul Schwiep
Lee Swerdlin
Naomi Wright

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat
Dave Barlett, Citizen
Caroline Thompson, Citizen
Peter Evans, Metro Aqua Cats
Richard Schuchts, Alliance for Reliable Transport
Jeffrey Bradley, Alliance for Reliable Transport
Ric Katz, FDOT/MIC Consultant
Ricardo Fernandez, MIC Management Group
Angela Menendez, MDT
Claudette Hinton, MDT
Brad Barkman, Tri-Rail
Marie Jormon, Tri-Rail
Delfin Molins, Public Works
Susan Schreiber, MPO

Mr. Frank Hernandez, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that the agenda be taken out of order due to a lack of quorum beginning with the information items.

I. MIAMI INTERMODAL CENTER (MIC) UPDATE

Mr. Ric Katz, FDOT/ MIC consultant and Ricardo Fernandez, MIC Management Group showed a video and explained that the MIC, a \$1.4 billion project, is sponsored by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and will premier as the County's "Grand Central Station". There are two purposes that motivate the project:

1. Provide connectivity between all the modes of transportation for residents, and
2. To decongest the roads that lead to and from Miami International Airport (MIA).

The MIC site is located in the "triangle" of Le Jeune Road, Tamiami Canal, and the Miami River. The site will contain the Rental Car Facility (RCF) and the Central Station with an improved highway system being constructed to move traffic more efficiently through the area. The MIC-MIA Connector (\$400 million) will connect the MIC to the MIA by means of an automated people mover. FDOT is looking for additional funds for the MIC-MIA Connector to alleviate the funds the county has to spend on the project. Until the MIC-MIA Connector is constructed shuttle buses will move people between the MIC and the MIA.

The Tri-Rail Airport Station will be relocated to the Central Station within the MIC. The Metrorail will link up to the MIC from the Earlington Heights Station and be aligned to connect to the future East-West alignment.

This project has been in the conceptual and design phase for more than a decade. Construction on the RCF will begin the first week of July with the entire project being completed within the next 5 years with the exception of the MIC-MIA Connector that will be constructed in later years.

Mr. Gan wanted to make sure that baggage can be easily transported to and from the MIC. The Automated People Mover will have storage racks to move baggage.

Mr. Glasgow wanted to make sure the shuttles to and from the MIC would be ADA compliant. The shuttles should be compliant, but more investigation should be pursued.

Ms. Wright wanted to know if private parking will be allowed at the MIC. At the Central Station parking garages 3,800 vehicles on 3 levels can be accommodated.

Mr. Swerdlin had concern about the aesthetic choice of the project and the skylights' impacts on energy usage. The designs presented have been modified to eliminate the skylights and instead utilize clerestories (vertical windows allowing in natural light). It was suggested that the design of the project be taken to the Transportation Aesthetic Review Committee (TARC) for their review and approval.

Mr. Wartman inquired about the connectivity to the SR-112. The SR-112 is not reflected in the MIC Work Program, but rather in the MDX Work Program that will be addressed and connected in another project.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After the MIC presentation quorum was recognized and the meeting was made official. Mac Glasgow moved the agenda and the motion was seconded by Norman Wartman. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mac Glasgow moved for the approval of the minutes for the May 28, 2003 meeting and the motion was seconded by Maurice Gan. The motion was approved unanimously.

IV. WELCOME NEW CTAC MEMBERS

Chair Hernandez informed the Committee there are no new members this month.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jeffrey Bradley, Alliance for Reliable Transport, stated his organization supports the return of clean, non-polluting street car service to improve transportation to and on Miami Beach. A well formed dialogue about alternative transportation is important to achieve a consensus about the decision relating to the present Bay link project on the Beach. All CTAC members are invited to attend Bay Link meetings which will be take place every Monday evening at 7:30 PM at the Seaport Community Center located at 945 Pennsylvania Avenue. The Secretariat was directed to mail them the CTAC's Resolution passed to support the Bay Link Light Rail option.

Mr. Dave Barlett, citizen, expressed that CTAC should see that the heavy rail option should be considered as a Bay Link option. He suggested that the CTAC receive an update on the East-West Metrorail project that was given at the last MPO meeting.

VI. ACTIONS ITEM

A. BY-LAWS ADOPTION

There was a point of clarification and suggestion to include the verbiage "total service" under Section 2.02 Term Limits for Officers.

Mr. Maurice Gan moved for the approval of the By-Laws with this revision and the motion was seconded by Mr. Mac Glasgow and upon being put to a vote the motion passed with one Nay vote from Mike Hatcher.

VII. TRI-RAIL FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS PRESENTATION

Mr. Brad Barkman, Director of Operations, gave an update on double-tracking and amenity updates. Double-tracking is underway on 45 miles of the 72-mile system. Currently, there are four bridges under construction with seven miles of track currently laid. The first 3.9 miles of

new track will go into service in early October with another six miles to go into service in November. There are 20 months left of construction bringing the completion date to March 2005. The passenger information system will be updated to include amber lights, larger font text and speech recognition to perform live announcements. Nine stations will be upgraded to include 20' x 400' continuous canopies over the stations to provide adequate shelter from the elements. Segment five will allow the purchase/lease of addition trains to go from 24 trains to 48 trains. Headways will start off the morning with 30 minutes then go to 20 minutes during peak period then back to 30 minutes during the day then to 20 minutes during the evening peak period back to 30 minutes thereafter.

There was concern regarding the fact that a lot of people utilize transit during the off peak hours and should also have 20 minute headways along with 24-hour service. Double-tracking will address better headways and there will have to be justification in the future to serve these persons with 20-minute headways and 24-hour service.

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Fernandez welcomed Mr. George Burgess as the new County Manager.

A welcome letter was sent to John Martinez, District VI Congratulating him and inviting him to one of our meetings.

Bill 676 has yet to make it to the Governor's desk for consideration.

Information regarding the last CITT meeting was handed out at the meeting. LT. Col. Colmenares invited CTAC to attend the CITT Projects Review Committee. The next PRC is Wednesday, July 16th from 3:00 – 5:00 PM Metro Dade Center 111 NW 1st Street, 18 Floor Conference Room 18-2. CTAC needs a representative to attend these meetings. During the Board meeting, Mr. Hernandez, suggested that the citizen's comment section be moved to the top of their agenda in the future.

At the CITT Nominating Committee meeting new slates were provided to District 1,11, and 13. During the meeting Commissioner Seijas' Chief of Staff, Terry Murphy, came into the meeting to hand in an application for consideration by the committee to place on the Commissioner's slate. Mr. Hernandez explained that he, among others, expressed concern at this gesture and as a result the application was rejected by the committee, because it did not go through the proper channels of going through the open application process. As a result of this incident and due to life changes of applicants, advertisement for new applicants will occur on as an as-needed basis to obtain a fresh batch of applicants to choose from.

Mr. Hernandez commended MDT for always sending a representative to the meetings and the noticeable improvements to the system in regards to the cleanliness of the buses and the friendliness of the drivers.

IX. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT

CTAC held the an Insurance Premium Workshop with representatives from the Department of financial Services (formerly known as Department of Insurance), the Division of Insurance Fraud, and Insurance Industry Reps to learn why South Florida has some of the highest

insurance rates in the country and what can CTAC do to help lower the rates, bringing south Florida more in line with the rest of the country. It was a successful, educational venture for all participants. Four areas the CTAC will be addressing as a result of the meeting are: Fraudulent clinics – estimated 1,100 in the County and 6,000 statewide; Enforcement – 22% of all licensed drivers in Miami-Dade County are uninsured; Legislature – support the 2000 Grand Jury Report to crack down on Insurance Fraud; and Education – low income and disadvantaged accident victims are targeted, on average.

Members were informed that their Statement of Financial Interests were due July 1, 2003.

The Maritime Subcommittee meeting will be held Wednesday, July 16th from 11 AM to 2 PM at the Port of Miami.

A copy of the MPO's Waterway Urban Commuting Travel study was distributed for the member's review in advance for next month's presenter Peter Evans from Aqua Cats a potential provider.

X. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. TRANSIT SUBCOMMITTEE
- B. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE – Mr. Norman Wartman stated that the Honorable Harvey Ruvlin attended the subcommittee meeting and adequately addressed all customer relation issues. He discussed the award winning SPIRIT system (Simultaneous Paperless Image Retrieval Information Technology), which gives simultaneous access to the County's millions of electronic case file folders instantaneously. He is also working with CTAC to supply statistics regarding: all persons ticketed in Miami-Dade having uninsured vehicles; accident cases having uninsured vehicles, etc. to help with the Insurance Premium Workshops.
- C. ELDERLY AND DISABLED SUBCOMMITTEE
- D. AVIATION SUBCOMMITTEE
- E. MARITIME SUBCOMMITTEE
- F. LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

(No reports were given for items A-F)

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Moss questioned the status of the CTAC pending Business list. Ms. Rockwell stated that she has been addressing issues on that list and will continue to do so. She has also created a separate "Completed" list. This will be added in next month's agenda package.

Mr. Wartman would like to know what the status is regarding CTAC having a seat on MDX's Board.

Mr. Hernandez wants an update on meeting in the Commission Chambers. MDX has invited us to utilize their facilities.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ramos wants someone to attend the meetings from FDOT regarding updates on the TIP. A Resolution was passed requesting the FDOT attend, once a month, the Surface Subcommittee to give a 15 minute update on their Work Plan.

Mr. Glasgow wanted a Resolution passed to direct the County to spend the monies needed to support the newly created Regional Transportation Authority signed by the Governor. No resolution was passed due to the lack of information.

Mr. Hatcher requested the support of the CTAC to the citizens living along the Turnpike to put up a sound wall. A Resolution was passed by Norman Wartman and seconded by Lee Swerdlin and upon being put to a vote the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hatcher asked that the FDOT give a presentation on their classification and designation of FDOT roads at the next Surface transportation Subcommittee.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

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